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WATCH CASE BASE AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the accompanying documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were cited by the European Patent Office in the corresponding European Application No. 02 740 191.8.

DE 9412302 discloses a watch case back having a cover (4), an internal back (10) and an identification element (9, a photograph) disposed between the cover and the internal back. The object of the invention is said to be a two-cased portable watch, in particular a wristwatch or a pocket watch, wherein the movement and dial belong to an upper housing that can be swung away and the lower housing has a visible surface that can be freed through swinging back the upper housing, the

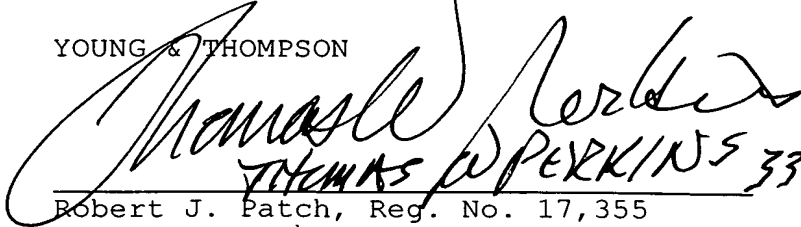
latter having on its underside a clearance surface. The visible surface (9) and/or the clearance surface (10) are provided with at least one miniature photograph (11) or print (12).

Swiss 895 discloses a watch case serving at the same time as a photo album. The reference characters are as follows:

- A Bottom in which the watch movement is housed
- B Pendant
- C Ring
- D Bezel
- E Glass
- F First right back, joined to the bottom by the hinge G
- H Bezel of the first right back
- J Glass of the back F
- K Second right back, joined to the back F by the hinge L
- M Third right back, joined to the back K by the hinge N
- O Fourth right back, joined to the back M by the hinge P
- F' First left back, joined to the bottom by the hinge G'
- H' Bezel of the first left back
- J' Glass of the back F'
- K' Second left back, joined to the back F' by the hinge L'
- M' Third left back, joined to the back K' by the hinge N'
- O' Fourth left back, joined to the back M' by the hinge P'.

Respectfully submitted,

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